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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR PHILIPPINES LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -
JUSMAG'S BALANCE PISTON 09-1

REF: MANILA 2390

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and found that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the units and commanders identified below. These units and commanders are candidates for participation in the JUSMAG Balance Piston 09-1 from January 12 through February 27, ¶2009.

¶2. (U) Units and Commanders:

Unit: 31 Division Reconnaissance Company, 3rd Infantry Division
Commander: 1LT Pete M. Malaluan; DOB: July 26, 1980; POB: Cagayan De Oro City, Philippines

Unit: 32 Division Reconnaissance Company, 3rd Infantry Division
Commander: 2LT Bibot M. Rico; DOB: January 29, 1981; POB: Albay, Philippines

Unit: 33 Division Reconnaissance Company, 3rd Infantry Division
Commander: 2LT Mark Esteven M. Mediamar; DOB: August 14, 1978; POB: Zamboanga Del Norte, Philippines

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the units and commanders identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the units and commanders listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) JUSMAG's Balance Piston 09-1 starts January 12, and ends February 27, 2009, in the Philippines.

¶6. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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